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Title: Regarding deployment of security forces on National Highways of the country.

SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL (SAHARANPUR): I cannot think of a matter of more urgent public importance than that of safeguarding the lives of the public of this country. I want to speak about a horrific incident of rape that took place on a highway in Bulandshahar recently.

Madam, we are all pained and shocked by this incident and it brings us to ask a basic fundamental question. The question is this. Are we all safe as citizens of this country and what really are we doing in order to ensure the safety of the citizens of this country? We know that the state of law and order in Uttar Pradesh is dismal but I do not want to get into a blame game and I do not want to play politics here. But I want to ask this august House that when the Uttar Pradesh Government in 2014 had thought of setting up of a Highway Patrol Force, why did it not come into effect? Why did it not translate into action? The need of the hour is introspection and action. I, therefore, propose that we, as the Central Government, should set up a cohesive policy to ensure that every State of this country has a State Highway Patrol Force, a force that is modern, that uses ultra-high tech equipment, motorcycles and gadgets, radar system, GPS mapping system and is adept at handling any sort of crisis, any sort of situation, be it the evacuation and rescue or having to go into combat.

Madam, I hope that the Government will urge the States of this country to set up this police force and also aiding financially the States if they need funding for such a force, and such a force should also be managed and monitored by the Central Government. It is my request to you to urge our Government to ensure that proactive steps are taken to ensure that State Highway Patrol Forces are set up in every State across the length and breadth of our country.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Rodmal Nagar,

Shri Sudheer Gupta,

Shri C.P. Joshi,

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra,

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel,

Shrimati Poonam Mahajan,

Shrimati Riti Pathak,

Shri Ajay Misra Teni,

Shri Shivkumar Udasi,

Shri Sharad Tripathi,

Shri Rahul Kaswan and

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Raghav Lakhanpal.

श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे (गुलबर्गा) : मैडम स्पीकर, आपने अपने चैंबर में सभी लीडर्स को बुला कर इसके बारे मीटिंग की थी तो मेरी अपील यह है कि कल बिज़नस एडवाइज़री कमेटी बैठने वाली है, तो उसमें इस आइटम को प्रायोरिटी दे कर, कल उसके लिए टाइम फिक्स कर के शुरू करने का काम करें। ...(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : वह तो कल बात करेंगे। I cannot announce it today. I am requsting you to please sit down.

â€¦(व्यवधान)

13.00 hours

HON. SPEAKER: If they agreed to this, it is okay. No, I am sorry. खड़गे जी, मैं कोई अनाउन्समेंट नहीं करूँगी।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: I am sorry I have already requested them.

श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे : अगर इस पर डिस्कशन करना है तो फिर आपने 197 में क्यों दिया, 193 में क्यों दिया, कॉलिंग अटेन्शन दिया।...(व्यवधान) इसलिए इस पर चर्चा तो होने दो।...(व्यवधान) इसलिए कल आप डेट फिक्स कर दीजिए और समय फिक्स कर दीजिए।...(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: Just now I cannot.

श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे: हम तैयार हैं।...(व्यवधान) कल ही होने दो।...(व्यवधान)

Let us decide tomorrow only.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : कल ही होगा, आज नहीं।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: I cannot say anything.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: We are all with you for special package and we are fighting for you....(*Interruptions*) No, whatever it may be...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: What can I do? I cannot announce it. I have requested them. I can only request them.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Nobody is saying no.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please take your seats. Now, Shri Deepak Adhikari